

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus to browse electronic media stored over a network of remote storage devices, or any other local or remote storage devices, including CD/DVD ROM, desktop computers, servers, and disk drives by categories, without repeated, unwanted and unneeded intermediary clicking and page downloads. Pre-browsing of the category structure is provided, via rolling the cursor from category to category, and level to level to view each category's next-level sub-categories, without having to click on any one category, nor download any web-pages linked to any category, until the viewer/browser is satisfied with the examination of the category structure and category titles, and ready to select and explore the media page linked to a particular category.

In addition, a dynamic tracking-string/tracking-device is provided with an embedded one-click nested/cascading/ category browsing apparatus of this invention, to facilitate an efficient way to return and/or change path during browsing and examination of electronic media, or to review more than one path along the categorical structure while the browser is at a page linked to any category at any level, thereby improving the process of exploring, viewing, and examining electronically recorded media.